THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Pakistani Minister's statement on Terrorists

3582. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistani Interior Minister has accused India of sending terrorists in Karachi, as reported in the Hindustan Times; New Delhi; dated the 1st March; 1995; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to dispel this Pakistani charge to cover up its own doings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Pakistan has; from time to time; including at the level of their Interior Minister recently; levelled baseless and motivated allegations against India's involvement in the situation prevailing in Karachi. Pakistani propaganda in this regard lacks credibility in the perceptions of the international community.

The international community is well aware of the fact that Pakistan is extending active support to cross-border terrorism directed against India. Pakistani propaganda has failed to divert attention from its state sponsorship of terrorism.

Government constantly make efforts to apprise the international community of the true facts of Pakistan's conduct violative of universally accepted norms of inter-State behaviour.

Pakistani Accusations of Backing Terrorism

3583. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan on the 7th March accused India of backing terrorism by planning bomb blasts and violence in the Pakistani cities;

(b) whether Pakistan Government's spokesman in Islamabad claimed that they have discovered an India made bomb; planted to blow up an electric transformer in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir; as reported in "The Observer of Business and Politics"; New Delhi; dated the 8th March; 1995;

(c) whether Pakistan has now claimed India's involvement in the gunning down of two US diplomats in Karachi on the 8th March; 1995; and

(d) if so; the steps taken by Government to check such false; mischievous and motivated propaganda by Pakistan against India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Pakistan has been indulging in propagandistic statements directed against India at various levels; including in the recent period.

Government dismiss this propaganda as concocted; unfounded and utterly lacking in credibility. Government believe that no amount of such anti-India propaganda would help Pakistan obfuscate its state-sponsorship of terrorism. The international community is well aware of the fact that Pakistan is actively aiding and abetting terrorism and subversion directed against India.

Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the true facts.

UNESCO's document on Nationalism

3584. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the newsitem published in the Hindustan Times dated the